The Female Tatler.

Written by a Society of Ladies.

Ridentem dicere verum quid vetat ?

From Monday February 20, to Wednesday February 22, 1710.

Rosella's Day.

From my own Apartment.

Gladly lay hold of this opportunity to thank those discerning Perusers of my Indefatigable Labours, that have wisely Discover'd and generously Acknowledg'd they hold me for an Admirer and Imitator of the Renown'd *Isaac Bickerstaff* Elq; Whether they meant it for Applause or Reproach I receive it with the utmost Vanity, and am in very great doubt from the Altitude they have raised me, whether I can oblige them this Fist of Writing with one Syllable of Scandal; but in gratitude I resolve to break their Fast with what shall be New, and that's as much as I can say for my self as this date, and I believe as much as is requir'd. To confess the Truth, I am very Zealous to obtain his Air of pleasing, that I may boast the Liberty to insinuate Virtue and ridicule Vice, without ever being discover'd by the Superficial Reader, on whose side I am; for it takes from the Strength of an Author to lose a Party, the' never so weak, and this I take to be the great Reason that we find Priestcraft a Term exploded even by those who encourage Lay-Elders. But to return to my Subject, I am so fond of aping my Superior, that I call my Servant Six times in a quarter of an Hour, tho' when he appears I have so much forgot what I design-ed to say to him, that I content my self with asking his Christian or Sir-name, according as he has left me in the uncertainty of either; and this only because I know it the *'Squire's* ordinary Practice. Intent upon Fame and contemning Trifles, I take bad Money, and at the same time almost distract my self after current Wit and agreeable Morality, such as shall be understood and imbrac'd under couch'd Expressions, by contrary Factions, serving the great Ends of the Illuminated, of what Latitude soever, whether for Subscription or Practice, or any other meaning the Reader shall think fit to convert them to; yet to avow my self, and confess the Weakness of my Sex, I dare not write Panegyrick on my own Works, nor point to the Sublime and the Inimitable in my Fortunate Muse, tho' so great a Genius sets me the Example: I dare not expose a Friend to Laughter, tho' he shou'd have some Accidents in his Composition extreamly conducing thereunto; nor shou'd I dare to contradict anothers Advantage, tho' in never so near a prospect of my own. This premised I proceed, and with Indolence of Mind declare my self of that Opinion, which shall be found prevailing at the next tryal of Skill; where, shou'd *Democritus* get the Day, I shall not be sunk below, or shou'd *Heraclitus* Triumph I am not in Danger to be exalted above my *present State*; from whence with Ease and Pleasure I view the fruitless Contests of Authors and Interpreters, the enumerable Paths that lead to the Palace of Virtue, and am fill'd with Wonder that any can mistake the way amidst such a multitude of Guides; but so it is, and I can never enough lament the Byass of Controverted Opinions, that obstinate in what they have resolv'd to assert, still continue in Verse and Prose to defend their Suggestions, notwithstanding their best Friends assure 'em, Interest has own'd itself on the other side; for my part I List my self timely on the secure Party, and shall never be out of Countenance to hear my self upbraided with my Prudence; it being the ultimate of Humane Understandings, to act as Commendably as possible with Regard to themselves, and after that considering the World as it may deserve their Care. Now shou'd any doubting Nymph or despairing Lover make tryal of my Skill in a horary Question, I will not promise them one good Aspect, unless they joyn the Publick Outcry against Sedition, and then every *Sextile* and *Trine* shall be positive in their behalf; or shou'd an Author send me a *Farce* and desire my Approbation, I'll not oblige the Muse if She be not for the *Hay-Market*, tho' she bespeak my Favour in Blank Verse.

These are Duties incumbent on a reigning Author, however contradictory to good Nature or good Manners, and yet if I shou'd deviate from any thing or all of this, Ten Thousand to One but I shou'd hope to be forgiven; 'tis not always proper to keep ones Word, a heedless or a guilty promise were better unperform'd, since the smallest Follies are indisputable the most excusable.

The Poor Gentleman that last Lord Mayor's Day or thereabouts, was Married at St *Pauls*, will joyn with me in this Opinion: *He pass'd his Word to a very Ridiculous Proposal; the Lady was Rich, something advanced in Years, a Virgin about Thirty Eight, Chaste as an Emorate, Cold as Quicksilver.*—— Now Friendly Reader, if you have a just exception to either or both of these Similes, I humbly submit them to your Censure, and beg you to change them for such as your better Judgment shall think more Natural. The *Vestals*, and *Sythian* Snow, and Twenty Comparisons more were in my Head, but all so worn that I cou'd not in Reason desire they shou'd serve once more.—— But to reassume my Tale,

'The Lady desired her Lover to promise before Marriage, that he wou'd be content with the Title of a 'Husband, and forbear all the Priviledges belonging 'to that awful Name till *May* next ensuing. She had 'many and great Reasons to urge for this odd Re-

'quest,

'gueſt; but that which moſt perſwaded him to com-
'ply, was that She had a Younger Siſter, who had
'taken it into her Head to be in Love with a very
'Worthleſs, tho' a very pretty Fellow, and ſhe ſhou'd
'have no Power to prevent her Siſter's Wedding,
'ſhou'd there be the leaſt ſuſpicion of her own. The
'good Man oblig'd her with a ſincere Reſignation of
'whatever he might claim till *May*, and kept his
'Word Religiouſly. But for what Cauſe no Mortal
'Wit ſure will pretend to gueſs, inſtead of reward-
'ing his Virtue ſhe has enter'd a Proſecution, fancies
'ſhe was ſhut in the Church, and forced to pronounce
'what *Hymen* pleaſed, and therefore will poſitively
'be Unmarried again: He gravely goes from Lawyer
'to Lawyer with his Whimſical Caſe, looks exceed-
'ing Silly whilſt he tells his own Story, and by the
'laſt Advices from *Doctors Commons*, it is generally be-
'lieved he'll be compell'd in a few Months to Write
'himſelf Batchellor as formerly.

It may be expected that I ſhould give my Opinion on theſe Patterns of Conjugal Affection, but in this I mean ſtrictly to Regard the Words of ſome famous Criticks, who have remark'd it for a Fault in thoſe Authors, that mix'd their Comments with their Hiſtories, uſurping on a Branch of Learning they had no right to, and giving great Offence to many willing Pens, whoſe ſtrong Inclinations and weak Capacities gave them an undoubted Title to that Employ, and by having it wreſted out of their Hands are reduced to Idleneſs or what is worſe: Therefore I ſhall not give my Reader the leaſt Hint concerning what I think of the Matter, for fear I ſhou'd lead him into irretrievable Errors, which wou'd be a Pain to my Mind and a Burthen to my Conſcience, till Time and Buſineſs drove it from my Memory. With the loweſt Submiſſion I caſt my unwearied Labours at the Feet of my Judges, fully reſolv'd to think well on whatever Sentence they ſhall hold fitting to pronounce on them, and prepared to keep my Temper whether I ſee them grace a *Toilet* or light a *Pipe*.

†‡† *You are deſired to Reflect on the Thick Air we have had this Week, and to believe it the greateſt diſadvantage to Memory and Invention imaginable; for which cauſe we have but little News ſtirring, good for any thing in my way of Dealing.*

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